

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

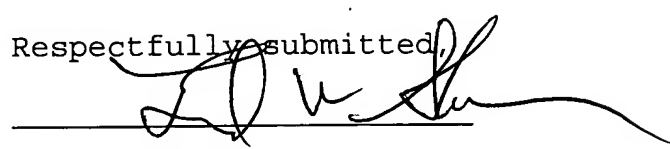
The claims have been amended to incorporate the amendment of claim 1 made under Article 19 in the International Application as received by the International Bureau on December 5, 2003 and as represented by the translation of the amendment under Article 19 filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants have attached substitute pages 18-19 to the specification presenting the claims as amended herein and respectfully request that these pages be used for publication of the subject application.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments and that the application is in condition for allowance.

An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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